

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION**

WSOU INVESTMENTS, LLC d/b/a  
BRAZOS LICENSING AND  
DEVELOPMENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 6:20-cv-454

Civil Action No. 6:20-cv-461

PUBLIC VERSION

**MICROSOFT CORPORATION'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT OF NO STANDING**

**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

<b>Decl. Ex.</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Document Abbreviation</b>
Chen Decl. Ex. B (Dkt. No. 135-3, 454 Case)	Excerpts of the Amendment to Patent Purchase Agreement, effective Aug. 2, 2017, including Amended Schedules A and B1	Amended PPA
Chen Decl. Ex. D (Dkt. No. 135-5, 454 Case)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Second Chen Decl. Ex. G	Excerpts of Amended Schedule B1: Assignment of Patent Rights by Alcatel Lucent; Exhibit A of Amended Schedule B1	Alcatel-Wade Assignment
Etchegoyen Decl. Ex. 1 (Dkt. No. 155-13, 454 Case)	[REDACTED]	

**TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Dkt. No.</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Document Abbreviation</b>
Dkt. No. 155 (454 Case)	WSOU's Opposition to Microsoft's Motion for Summary Judgment of No Standing	Opp. Br.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The only patent assignment produced in these cases identifies a third-party, Wade and Company (“Wade”)—not Plaintiff WSOU Investments, LLC (“WSOU”)—as the title-holder of asserted U.S. Patent No. 7,366,160 and U.S. Patent No. 7,160,702 (the “Wade Patents”). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WSOU, as a non-owner of the Wade Patents, lacks Article III standing to bring Case No. 6:20-cv-454 (involving the ’160 Patent) and Case No. 6:20-cv-461 (involving the ’702 Patent). Because WSOU lacks standing to bring these cases, this Court should enter judgment of no liability in favor of Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) and dismiss these cases.

## II. ARGUMENT

On August 2, 2017, Alcatel Lucent, the previous owner of the Wade Patents, and two other Nokia-related entities (together, the “Nokia entities”), transferred title in a portfolio of patents to third-party, Wade. These patents became known as the “Terrier” patents, and, as part of this transfer, Alcatel Lucent assigned the Wade Patents to Wade, as shown below.

This PATENT ASSIGNMENT, including without limitation Exhibit A of Amended Schedule B1 hereto, (“Assignment”) is made by:

(1) Alcatel Lucent, a company validly organized and existing under the laws of France and having its principal address at 148/152 Route de la Reine, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt, France, (“Assignor”); to

(2) Wade and Company, a company validly organized and existing under the laws of Ontario, Canada, having its principal address at 17 Prince Arthur, Toronto, ON M5R 1G4 CANADA, (the “Assignee”);

All references to the plural herein also mean the singular, and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires.

WHEREAS, Assignor is the owner of certain patents and patent applications, as specified in Exhibit A hereto.

(Alcatel-Wade Assignment, WSOU\_454\_7366160-0001374 (emphasis added).) Wade, per its Managing Director, Stuart Shanus, accepted this assignment.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY ASSIGNEE	
ASSIGNEE:	
WADE AND COMPANY	
By:	<u>Stuart Shanus</u>
Name:	<u>[Signature]</u>
Title:	<u>Managing Director</u>
Date:	<u>Aug 2, 2017</u>

(*Id.*, WSOU\_454\_7366160-0001375.) Fifteen months after these cases were filed, the Nokia entities, Wade, and WSOU confirmed that Wade held title to the Wade Patents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Nothing in the record contradicts that Alcatel Lucent transferred title in the Wade Patents to Wade when Alcatel Lucent and Wade executed the August 2, 2017 assignment. WSOU, nonetheless, contends that it must hold title in the Wade Patents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is nothing “absurd,” as WSOU asserts (Opp. Br., 1), about related companies acting for each other; in fact, it is commonplace. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Moreover, WSOU’s naked claim that “Microsoft’s interpretation of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also conflicts with the text of the [Patent Purchase Agreement] itself” (Opp. Br., 7) actually undermines its own position. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> [REDACTED]

<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED]

Finally, WSOU's reliance on what may or may not have been Wade's or WSOU's intent at some point prior to the effective date of the [REDACTED] is irrelevant. (Opp. Br.,

5.) The [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

### III. CONCLUSION

Wade holds title to the Wade Patents. WSOU lacks Article III standing to bring these cases. This Court should enter judgment of no liability to Microsoft, and dismiss Case No. 6:20-cv-454 (involving the '160 Patent) and Case No. 6:20-cv-461 (involving the '702 Patent).

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Richard M. Chen, certify that on May 3, 2022 this document and related exhibits (unless previously-filed or non-confidential) were filed under seal with the Clerk of Court via the Court's CM/ECF system. This documents and the applicable exhibits were subsequently served on all counsel of record by electronic mail.

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